

Learn How You Can Help

Visit www.dhs.gov or contact our office at (818) 999-1990 for information and links to numerous organizations and government agencies involved in disaster relief and efforts to combat terrorism. All of the materials described below can be mailed to you--just call our office.

Information About Anthrax

For information on anthrax and how to handle a suspicious letter or package see www.dhs.gov or call us at (818) 999-1990.

Advice On Talking To Children About Terrorism

For information from leading psychologists on talking to your children about the violence they have witnessed, dealing with issues of fear, and identifying signs of trauma see www.dhs.gov

To Donate Blood

Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Air Travel Updates

For updates on the latest aviation situation see www.dhs.gov

Report Terrorist Activity

Call the Department of Justice Hotline at 1-866-483-5137 or visit the FBI tip website at www.fbi.gov/tip

Report Discrimination

Threats and discrimination against Arabs, Muslims and other American ethnic groups are inexcusable. Please report any such activity to the State of California's anti-discrimination hotline at 1-866-460-4357.

Support For The Families Of Our Heroes

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has compiled information on a number of organizations benefiting families at www.fema.gov



What Congress is doing...

1. Giving the President authority for military action

Congressman Brad Sherman joined with an overwhelming bi-partisan vote to give President Bush the authority and financing to take military action abroad to defeat terrorism. Congressman Sherman has strongly supported the President's actions against bin Laden and the Taliban.

2. Bringing our community together

Congressman Sherman believes our diversity is our strength. In the days following September 11th, Sherman visited and prayed with community leaders at the Islamic Center in Granada Hills, the Sikh Temple in Northridge, the Hindu Temple near Malibu and the Iranian Jewish Temple in Canoga Park. Congressman Sherman co-sponsored the Federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

3. Economic recovery

Congressman Sherman is an active member of the Democratic Task Force on the Economy, which has developed a plan to provide greater unemployment insurance benefits and to build our infrastructure to enhance security at our airports, nuclear facilities and reservoirs. The package is fiscally responsible and provides immediate short-term tax relief for low-income individuals and businesses that have been hit hard as a result of the events of September 11.

4. Strengthening America against terrorism

Congressman Sherman co-sponsored the Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 and played an active role in moving this important legislation through the Financial Services Committee and the Congress.

5. Our foreign policy response

As a member of the House International Relations Committee and its Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, Congressman Sherman has been an active participant in numerous hearings and meetings with foreign leaders to focus attention on our foreign policy objectives.



Daily News: Sunday, September 16, 2001

We must unite to end terrorist threat

By Congressman Brad Sherman

AMERICA bore witness to an unimaginable horror Tuesday. Immediately, we also observed the tremendous bravery of police and firefighters rushing to the aid of others and countless volunteers providing medical services, life-giving blood, labor and expertise to recovery efforts.

At least one thing has emerged from the rubble: Americans have proved our resolve against the deeply personal tragedy inflicted upon us by faceless murderers.

In certain foreign cities, there were those who danced in the street, believing that the terrorists

proved their strength by killing thousands of American civilians. That is not strength, it is cowardice. America has the technology to kill millions of civilians, but our great strength is that we do everything possible to avoid killing civilians.

Terrorism, however, knows no humanity, and we must mobilize for a war against it. Not only against the criminals responsible for this horrific assault, but all terrorism.

However, even as our anger mounts, we must remember that this is not a war against Islam or Muslims. The United States' last three military campaigns were to protect Muslim people. We

restored independence to the people of Kuwait and then fought in two further engagements in which we had no economic stake.

In the mid-1990s, we acted to stop the genocide of Bosnian Muslims. In 1999, we battled Serbia, a Christian country, to protect its Albanian-Muslim minority from ethnic cleansing.

The San Fernando Valley is one of the most diverse areas in the world. I am sure we will pull together—Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and people of all faiths—to provide comfort to the grieving, to assure security for our families and to support such anti-terrorist actions as necessary.

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